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Classified By: Political Counselor Andrew J. Schofer; reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (U) Poloff delivered reftel demarche March 15 to MFA Political Affairs Department Director Pim Dumore. Poloff also followed up with MFA human rights policy officer Eric Litver on March 17.

12. (C) Litver confirmed the EU is raising through diplomatic channels the closing of the European Commission funded Civil Society Training Center. He was not aware of any plans to raise this or any other issues listed reftel in a more public manner but promised to check with regional desks, the Dutch embassy in Damascus, and his director. Likewise, he was aware of no plans to raise these issues directly with the Syrian government but promised to check.
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